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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON RHODESIA

1. NOTICIAS JANUARY 3 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY WITH
SALISBURY DATELINE STATING THAT SMITH HAD COMPLETELY RE-
JECTED THE NEW PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY BRITISH AMBASSADOR
IVOR RICHARD. ACCORDING TO NOTICIAS THE PLAN PUT FORWARD
BY RICHARD CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS WITH A MAJORITY OF AFRICAN MEMBERS AND A
BRITISH CHAIRMAN. UNDER THE PLAN, THE BRITISH WOULD ALSO CON-
TROL THE POLICE AND THE ARMY.

2. SAME ARTICLE QUOTED ROBERT MUGABE AS TELLING NEWSMEN IN
DAR ES SALAAM THAT A SOLUTION TO ZIMBABWE WILL NOT BE REACHED
AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD. "WE KNOW THAT
THE COLONIALIST HAVE STILL NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY BEATEN. WE
KNOW THIS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE PLAN TO INTENSIFY THE
ARMED STRUGGLE." MUGABE ALSO SAID THAT THE INTENSIFICATION OF
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THE ARMED STRUGGLE WILL MAKE THE RHODESIANS INCREASINGLY WEAKER UNTIL
THEY ARE FORCED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NATIONALIST.

3. NOTICIAS JANUARY 1 ALSO PUBLISHED BACK PAGE EDITORIAL
CALLED "GENEVA AND THE HOPES OF MR. SMITH." NOTICIAS
EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT SMITH IS WEDDED TO THE "KISSINGER
PLAN" BECAUSE UNDER ITS PROVISIONS HE COULD;

- RETAIN CONTROL OF THE SECURITY FORCES,
- DOMINATE THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS,
- GAIN VALUABLE TIME TO REVIVE RHODESIA'S FALTERING ECONOMY,

AND

- SUCCESSFULLY FRUSTRATE BLACK EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A
MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST HAVE RECO-
GNIZED AND DENOUNCED THESE MANEUVERS. (FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL
BEING POUCHED AF/S.)

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